

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

Councilmember's Present

Thomas Wheeler, President
Debbie Mahon
Dan Mandolesi
Mayor Dave Harris
Dale Walton Jr.
Nick Lodise
Judy Coleman

Staff in Attendance

Solicitor Robert DeBias
Authority Chair Jim Clark
Police Chief Tom Walton
Water & Sewer Clerk Pat Slater
Treasurer Diane McKairnes
HHS President Marce Heald
Secretary Dorothy Omietanski

Councilmember's Absent: Raymond Johnson, Vice President

Staff Absent: none

Guests in Attendance: Joe Heald

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:36pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Motion made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Walton to approve the minutes of September 8, 2014; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Police Report:

- Mr. Lodise read the report for the month of September 2014: 13 Incidents, 14 Traffic, 8 Parking, 3 Accidents, 1 Assists, 0 Summary, 0 Criminal, 4 District Court, 0 County Court, 3 EMS for a total hours worked: 242.0, Total Salary \$5,067.66.
- Borough Hall Outside Lighting – Chief Walton would like council to address the lighting of borough hall. He would like two flood lights installed at the corners of the building to light the area better at night. He would also like Ms. Heald to look into the motion detector light at the playground to make sure it is up and running. Chief Walton also said he will hang the sign up at the playground that states it is closed after dark and he is going to frost the window of the police station so no one can see into the station. He is doing all this in response to the issue at Blooming Grove to make sure our officers are safer from someone who may want to do them harm.
- New Volunteer - Jim McAndrews is a retired police officer who has offered to help out at the police station. His background includes being a state police officer, working for Langhorne Borough and Bristol Township. He is offering free of charge his time Monday, Wednesday and Friday's for 3-4 hours a day. His duties will consist of answering the phone, applying for the bullet proof vest grant and administrative duty. Officer Juno is going to be looking into

what Jim will be allowed to do at the station given that he is retired and now considered a civilian.

- Hulmeville Day – There were three car accidents on Hulmeville day.
- Stop Sign Patrol – They set up a patrol at Lincoln and Reetz and Lincoln and Ford but no tickets were issued.
- Wild Violets Sign – The sign was moved to a better location.
- Burglary – There was a home burglary on Trenton Rd while the owners were home. Chief Walton is stressing to please lock all doors on your house and cars. The homeowner's door was unlocked at the time of the burglary.

Public Comment:

- Joe Heald came to register a complaint to council regarding a pile of tree branches at the corner of Green and Bellevue Ave. Joe cannot see traffic when trying to exit Green Street due to the branches and could they be moved.

Authority:

- Municipal Authority met and all the reports are completed.
- Johnson Hall – Mr. Wheeler called the owners of Johnson Hall twice and has not heard back from them. The Authority has not received any payments. Mercy went to each tenant and informed them of the situation. The tenants include the Tea Room, two antique stores, a chiropractor and a beauty parlor. They have all been invited to attend the next Water and Sewer meeting in October. Mr. DeBias will draft a letter to each tenants and will copy Mr. Cubernot. The letter should give them three weeks' notice of the water shut off to the property.
- **Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Walton to advertise the ordinance for the new sewer rates proposed by Jim Clark; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.**

Solicitor Report:

- FEMA Map Modernization Floodplain Ordinance Revision Timeline – March 16, 2015 the new maps go into effect. The borough must have their ordinance compliant with the new guidelines effective March 16, 2015. Mario has provided a summary of the issues that need to be discussed. The issue comes down to how much development the borough will be allowing on the floodplain areas. The more restrictive the lower the cost of insurance will be for the residents. If the borough is not compliant by the deadline of 3/16/15 the borough will be suspended from flood insurance, grants and FEMA aid. FEMA is recommending a stand-alone ordinance. Right now the borough's ordinance is with the zoning ordinance. FEMA is encouraging everyone to repeal the current floodplain ordinance and adopt the model they are providing. Mario is offering his assistance to help the borough. Ms. Rhoads is available to answer questions and, once council is ready, will help write the ordinance. There is a list of items color coded blue, pink and tan. The blue is a cross reference to the check list and are the items that must be in the ordinance to be compliant. The pink are optional items and the tan is asides. The model ordinance is 34 pages long. Ms. Mahon will remain the floodplain administrator until all the work is completed. Once the ordinance is approved then the title will most likely be shifted to the zoning officer. Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Walton have both

- **Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to advertise the refuse bids for three and five year contracts; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.**
- The RDA grant was filed on September 25th.

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| • | General Fund Checking Balance as of September 1, 2014: | \$ 49,157.52 |
| | Expenses Totaled: | \$ -24,202.37 |
| | Income Totaled: | <u>\$ 13,962.51</u> |
| | General Fund Checking Balance as of September 30, 2014: | \$ 38,917.66 |
| • | Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of September 1, 2014: | \$106,725.14 |
| | Expenses Totaled: | \$ -18,064.79 |
| | Income Totaled: | <u>\$ 2,048.34</u> |
| | Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of September 30, 2014: | \$ 90,708.69 |
| • | Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of July 1, 2013: | \$350,690.90 |
| | Interest July | \$ 12.19 |
| | Deposit | \$ 0 |
| | Expense | <u>\$ - 0</u> |
| | Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of August 31, 2014: | \$350,703.09 |
| • | Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of July 1, 2014: | \$ 27,068.26 |
| | Interest May/ June | \$ 1.14 |
| | Deposit | \$ 30,000.00 |
| | Expenses | <u>\$ - 952.11</u> |
| | Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of August 31, 2014: | \$ 56,117.29 |

budget will be a cost for Mario's time assisting with the floodplain ordinance and the lights for borough hall.

Mayor:

- RDA Sub-Grantee - The council at Penndel had no idea there had been discussion between Hulmeville council and the mayor of Penndel regarding the RDA grant. Mayor Harris had no idea that Penndel council was not aware that Hulmeville council was voting to sign a resolution allowing Penndel to seek an RDA grant as a sub-grantee of Hulmeville.
- Verizon – Verizon contacted Mayor Harris regarding the cell phone tower being proposed at William Penn Firehouse. They requested a meeting and Mayor Harris invited them to attend the next meeting on October 21st. They are proposing a 130 foot tower and they will need variances from the zoning board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14pm; motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Ms. Mahon.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary